

# HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES

The Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program offers services for home healthcare in order to allow clients to access the resources needed to remain at home while recovering from illness (es) related to HIV-infection. Home healthcare services are one of the least accessed services in the Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program due to the outcome of the new life sustaining medical breakthroughs.

The long-term outcome of this reflects to inadequate funding when real needs arise. The intention of providing these resources through the Title II program is to supplement those services that are not covered by other payors, such as Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance.

## Services

Services are available to all eligible Title II clients. Services will be dependant upon secondary payors, such as Medicaid or Medicare. Home healthcare services include, but are not limited to the following categories.

### Skilled Nursing

Defined as home visits by a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) operating within the scope of practice as defined by the Kansas Nurse Practitionors Act. Psychiatric nursing must be billed as skilled nursing.

#### The program defines skilled nursing responsibilities by an RN as the following:

- Initial and ongoing assessments;
- Initiating and updating care plans;
- Communication with physicians;
- Supervision of aides;
- Medication set-up and administration;
- Invasive procedures;
- Individualized teaching as outlined by the care plan;
- Diabetic nail care;
- Treatment and evaluation of wounds; and/or
- Delivery of aerosolized pentamidine.

#### The program defines skilled nursing responsibilities by an LPN as the following:

- Ongoing assessments;
- Updating care plans;
- Communicating with physicians;
- Medication set-up and administration **excluding IV's**;
- Invasive procedures;
- Individualized teaching as outlined by the care plan **excluding teaching related to parenteral procedures (e.g., IV's, Hickman catheters)**;
- Diabetic nail care;
- Treatment and evaluation of wounds; and/or
- Delivery of aerosolized pentamidine.

#### Combination of services:

- Skilled nursing visit and a supervisory visit when performed at the same time constitutes one visit;
- RN performing both aide and skilled nursing duties constitutes one skilled visit; and/or
- Non-skilled visit performed by an RN or LPN constitutes a home health aide visit.

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## Home Health Aide Services

Defined as up to one home visit every 24 hours by a home health aide. Activities that the aide may perform include:

- Bathing (bed, shower, tub);
- Shaving, assisting with mouth care, shampooing and other activities of personal care;
- Changing bed linens, underpad, incontinent care, etc.;
- Taking vital signs including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and respirations;
- Assisting with ambulation or simple exercises;
- Preparing and assisting with meals; and/or
- Other activities as per the physician's written orders.

## Home Intravenous Drug Therapy

Defined as the administration of any IV drug therapies in the home by which are prescribed by a physician, include but not limited to antibiotics, TPN, and pain medications. Services include:

- IV drugs, preparation and administration;
- TPN administration; and/or
- All IV equipment and supplies.

## Attendant Care

Defined as non-professional attendant care that may include basic assistance with daily living needs such as:

- House cleaning;
- Shopping;
- Laundry;
- Cooking and/or meal preparation; and/or
- Companionship.

## Durable Medical Equipment/Non-durable Supplies

Disposable items will be purchased. Items of durable medical equipment may be purchased if it is more cost effective to do so. The following will be provided:

- Wheel Chairs/lifts;
- Walkers/braces/splints;
- Crutches/canes;
- Catheters and related supplies;
- Dressings/ostomy supplies;
- Decubitus care equipment and supplies;
- Nebulizers;
- Oxygen, oxygen tubing, masks, nasal cannulas, compressors, IPPB;
- Syringes, IV equipment and tubing, pumps;
- Hospital beds;
- Bath/shower seats/bedside commodes;
- Underpads/incontinent care items; and/or
- Other supplies as needed with prior approval.

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## **Routine Diagnostic Tests Administered in the Home**

Defined as home visits by a RN or LPN for up to one visit every 24 hours to provide the following activities and necessary supplies listed below. The service will also cover the processing of corresponding lab studies and/or tests. Tests include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Venipuncture or finger sticks for blood collection;
- Sputum collection;
- Collection of any and all specimens for culture as may be directed by a physician;
- Collection of urine specimens (clean catch or cath);
- Hemocults; and/or
- Monitoring of vital signs to determine treatment modalities, i.e., monitoring BP to determine drug use/nonuse.

## **Routine Home/Continuous Home Care Services**

Routine Home Care covers:

- All the necessary social services, nursing care, equipment, medications, OT, PT, homemaker/personal services in the home.

Continuous Home Care covers:

- Nursing care in the home of which 50% must be professional care.

## **Respite/Day Care**

Respite/Day Care services cover care in a respite or day care center for a 4- to 8-hour period.

## **Day Treatment/Therapies**

Day Treatment or partial hospitalization services include up to 12 hours of care for an HIV-specific diagnostic need to include the following:

- Physical therapy;
- Occupational therapy
- Respiratory therapy; and
- Dietitian services for HIV-specific diagnosis.

## **Certification of Home Healthcare Providers**

**Home Health Aide Services, Skilled Nursing, Home Intravenous Drug Therapy, Personal Attendant, Day and Respite Care, and Routine Home/Continuous Home Care Services**

- Licensed and certified by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

## **Durable Medical Equipment Services**

- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

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## Certification of Home Healthcare Providers

### Laboratory Services

- Laboratories must be certified by Medicare/Medicaid or CLIA;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

### Physical Therapy Services

- Licensed physical therapist;
- Supervised by a licensed physical therapist;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

### Occupational Therapy Services

- Licensed occupational therapist;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

### Respiratory Therapist Services

- Certified or registered respiratory therapist;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

### Dietian Services

- Registered Dietitian;
- Signed agreement with Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program

## Reimbursement

Eligible clients are able to utilize up to \$2,000 a month. Preauthorization must be obtained for any service(s) greater than a total of \$150 from the Ryan White Title II CARE Program Office for all visits offered after the initial visit at (785) 296-8701.

The service provider is responsible for seeking preauthorization prior to services being offered to ensure payment.

To verify if a home healthcare agency is participating with the Kansas Ryan White Title II CARE Program, **please contact the Kansas Ryan White Title II/ADAP Offices at (785) 296-8891 (Topeka) or (316) 337-6136 (Wichita).**